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WITH REDUCED ENZYMATIC SIDE ACTIVITIES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the references cited on the PTO-1449 and that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

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